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## OPEN FORUM

Date: Thursday, March 3  
 Time: 8:00 P.M.  
 Place: Woodminster Clubhouse,  
 Joaquin Miller Park

# Editorial

## OFF TO A GOOD START

Our future horsemen and horsewomen of tomorrow are our juniors of today.

With this thought in mind our president, with the beginning of the current year, appointed one director to devote full time to this work. While many things have slowed up our plans, and this includes the lack of cooperation from the weather man, we are now ready to forge ahead. Already an increased program of junior activities has been scheduled.

Officers have been elected and a regular program of monthly meetings have been planned. In this way, the Juniors, themselves, with the assistance of the director in charge, will have a voice in choosing the kind of activities they desire. They will plan these things and carry the plans out themselves. In this manner we hope to encourage these boys and girls to become actively engaged in their own organization which, without question, should grow into something very outstanding.

One of the most important things for the future is participation in the California State Horseman's Blue Ribbon Show, in Sacramento. Preparation for this event will be stressed and we hope to find many of our juniors in this competition.

The plans for 1949 are of wide range, and can only be accomplished by the cooperation of every junior.

With this idea in mind, it behooves all members of the M.H.A. to do what they can to have their boy or girl present at all of our monthly meetings.

**KAY WALLING,**  
 Junior Chairman.

## OUR COVER

With this issue dedicated to the younger set, we take pleasure in bringing you a picture of the newly elected treasurer of the M.H.A. Juniors, Janet Phillips and her horse, "Babe".

An excellent horsewoman, Janet rides Western, and is mighty proud of her black silver trimmed saddle and bridle. Babe is a large grey mare, part Arabian, with lots of spirit and as one can see from the picture, a more than average amount of intelligence.

## A "Swell" Excuse

To our advertisers, our sincere apologies for being tardy with your statements this month, and also, if your Trail Blazer reaches you a few days late, we offer the following explanation—your Editor put in two weeks of the past month having one "swell" time—the mumps.

# Membership News

## CHARLES A. GRAY NAMED TO BOARD

Charles A. Gray was named a member of the M.H.A. board of directors, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harold Cummings at the regular monthly meeting held Feb. 3.

The meeting was called to order by President James A. Myers, with Fred Anderson, vice president of Region 5, present to report on C.S.H.A. activities. Mr. Anderson told of plans to further the Juniors and also requested the board to appoint a chairman from the local association to handle the gymkhana events for the 1949 convention at Sacramento.

Bill Pray, treasurer, gave a complete financial report and other routine reports included one of the trails, by A. B. Graham and on activities by Si Simons. Kay Walling reported work of the Juniors underway, and Don Schwimley, who heads the Wild West show committee, stated that he was waiting word from the Shrine Ranges before any definite announcements could be made.

### Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 3—First Open Forum.  
 Saturday, March 12—Regular meeting of M.H.A. Juniors—Pinto Ranch clubhouse.

Saturday, April 23—M.H.A. party at Tourist club.

May 15—Field Day and Barbeque—Place and time to be announced later.

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## GEORGE WALLING '49 HORSE SHOW MANAGER

The long awaited news is out!

At the last regular meeting of the board of directors it was announced that George Walling, well known local horseman, had been unanimously named horse show chairman for 1949. The announcement was made by Ted Dreyer, chairman of the horseshow committee.

Mr. Walling is well and favorably known by all members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association. Formerly associated with Cutter-Stremmel Productions, prominent horse show manager of California, he has handled and managed many shows at county fairs, and twice was manager of the Pacific Show Horse Exhibitors' annual show at Taft.

Often referred to as the granddaddy of the M.H.A. show, Mr. Walling suggested and managed the first Metropolitan show held at the Leona Stables in 1943.

A movement is now underway to name various committees, the chairmen of which have already been appointed. As soon as the committees are formed they will be published in the Trail Blazer.

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## WEDDING BELLS FOR TWO POPULAR COUPLES

Members of the M.H.A. and their many friends are offering congratulations to two prominent couples in the "horse" set.

These include Tommy Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen, of Mountain Blvd., Oakland, and Miss Dorothy Gilrain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gilrain, of Oakland, who were married Feb. 19.

Exchanging their vows at a beautiful ceremony at First Presbyterian church, Oakland, the young coupe was later honored at a reception held in the Brazilian room in Tilden Regional park, Berkeley. Tommy is engaged in the paint contracting business with his father-in-law, and the new Mrs. Hansen will continue her studies at the California Arts and Crafts.

At a beautifully appointed announcement party held recently, the coming marriage of Miss Jean Katherine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, of 414 12th ave., San Francisco, to Ray Theobald of Piedmont, was made known to her intimate friends.

The ceremony will be held at the Star of the Sea Catholic church, in San Francisco, on April 23.

The bride-elect, who is private secretary to a large coffee importer in San Francisco, is a graduate of the Star of the Sea academy.

Mr. Theobald, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Theobald, of 122 Ricardo Avenue, Piedmont, graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Berkeley, and is now vice-president of the Theobald Brokerage Company, San Francisco. Both Mr. Theobald and his fiance are members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association and Mr. Theobald is a member of the Sonoma County Trail Blazers, the Frontier Boys, and also of the International Footprinters Ass'n., serving as publicity chairman of the latter organization. They will establish their home in the East Bay.

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## *Junior Activities*

## **SHIRLEY ROCK NAMED JUNIOR PRESIDENT**

There was an enthusiastic representation of M.H.A. Juniors at the first meeting of the year, held Feb. 12 at the Pinto Ranch clubhouse.

Officers elected included Shirley Rock, president; Ronnie Dunnaway, vice president; Barbara Alberts, secretary; and Janet Phillips, treasurer.

Tentative arrangements were made to hold regular business sessions on the second Saturday of each month at the Pinto clubhouse.

A rough draft of the proposed charter and by-laws for the Juniors, drawn up by Heber Brown, was presented to the meeting, and accepted as read. Prior to it becoming official, however, it must be passed on by the M.H.A. board of directors.

With Mrs. Kay Walling, Junior chairman, present it was suggested that members of the Junior group take an active part on horse show committees. Discussion concerned the type of classes for the coming show.

Mr. Brown, vice chairman, talked briefly on the importance of enlarging the group, and the program that is planned for the year.

During the business session the new president appointed Joanne Kay as membership committee chairman, who in turn will select a committee to work with her. This committee will be presented at the new meeting.

The Juniors are indebted to Louis Alberts, owner of the Pinto Ranch, for their meeting place.

## **Attention All Juniors!**

**Next regular business meeting  
Saturday, March 12th 1:30 P.M.  
Pinto Ranch Clubhouse**



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## OUR PICTORIAL SECTION

The Editorial staff of the Trail Blazer desires to make this statement regarding the center pictorial section of this issue.

This feature was suggested just before we went to press and time was too limited to contact many members. The pictures used have no significance other than to serve as a means of conveyance to all of our readers the idea that we have in mind for the future. We invite your comment and suggestions and would appreciate hearing from anyone having pictures we might use in subsequent issues.

Our plans have not been completed and your views and recommendations will assist us in furthering this venture. Your Editor will appreciate hearing from you.

As we look over the horse show results of 1948, we find several members of our Association and their horses consistent winners in various shows throughout California.

It is gratifying to learn that our members are bettering their mounts yearly, and bringing home many trophies and other coveted prizes.

One who ranks high in this category is Bengal Tiger, owned, ridden and driven by Corrine Smith of 4920 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Benny has replaced the venerable old "Bear Catcher", a consistent winner for many years in the show ring. And even to his last show, in 1947, in spite of his 28 years, he was placed 2nd in the pleasure class of 12 entries. The "Bear Catcher" is now retired to green pastures for the rest of his days.

### Consistent Winner

Benny has won ribbons in pleasure, roadster, equitation, fine harness and walk trot classes, all in the same afternoon. As Janice Nock, Junior Editor of the California State Horseman's Association monthly, put it, "A horse of all trades is what I would call Bengal Tiger".

Some of his outstanding performances include the San Leandro Rotary club show, first in roadster class, first, English pleasure, first in equitation, second fine harness; San Pablo Fiesta show; second, fine harness; third, parade class; third, English pleasure; second, equitation; Santa Clara County show, San Jose; second, pleasure class; second, parade class. At Concord he finished in the money in English pleasure and Western horsemanship, equitation and parade classes in a one-day show.

### Trained by Jack Green

Benny was sired by Filoli Chief by Chief of Longview, national champion American Saddlebred horse for three consecutive

years. His dam, I Go by Kentucky Moonshine by Guided by Love. Any horseman knows that the handling of a colt and his early training is of great importance, and in the case of Benny this credit belongs to one of our local horsemen, Jack Green. Jack is a man of patience and kindness, which is reflected in Benny by his response to such treatment. If you think he doesn't get it, ask Corrine. Keep up the good work, Corrine, we wish you many more good seasons and between horse show seasons, we'll be seeing you on the trails on Benny, with his red setter companion taking the lead.

### Butch and Binky

Looking ahead to future cowboys and stock horses, we can be proud, indeed, of a very fine prospect in Jimmy Black, Jr. "Butch" as he is known to his many friends, at the age of 11 has already an enviable record, all of which was accomplished with his good horse, Rabbit. In 1948 Butch, on Rabbit, along with several trophies came out with 15 firsts 3 seconds, and 6 third place ribbons. In addition, at the California State Horsemen's convention, in Sacramento, he was named champion in the Junior Stock Horse class, and grand champion in Western Horsemanship. Rabbit is not only a good child's mount, Jimmy Black, Sr., uses him as a roping horse, and Mrs. Tiny Black is often seen winning trail classes on him. Rabbit has been shown by the Blacks three seasons, during which time he has accumulated 30 trophies and over 100 ribbons, mostly blue and red. Not to be outdone by his big brother, Billy Black, who would rather be called Binky, is getting well underway as exhibitor of his splendid child's mount Sammy. Binky, while only 7 years old, already has several red and blue ribbons won on Sammy, and has one blue ribbon he is especially proud of, which he won on a novelty class, driving Sammy to a governess cart.

### Star Performer

Lynda Landsborough, with her good horse, Colty, is a familiar sight at many horse shows, and usually well up in the winning circle. She has 17 trophies and

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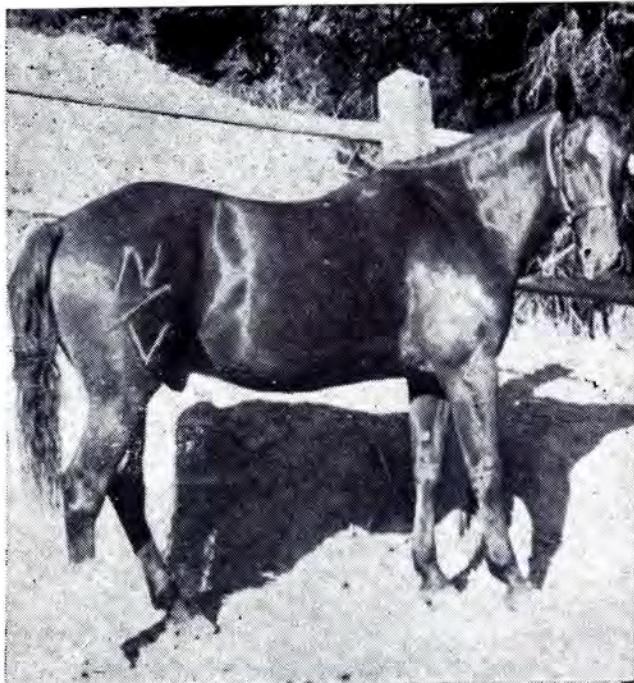
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### Aahmes Shrine Rangers

The Rangers held their annual election of officers at the Rancho on Tuesday, January 11th. Officers elected were Bill Ludolph, president, Emmett Boger, vice president, Al Upton, secretary and Frank Kelly, treasurer. Fred Bemis was reelected captain and drill master. Various committees for the coming year have also been appointed and are already making plans for a year of fun and activity.

Many of the Rangers have been meeting on Sunday mornings to enjoy a brisk ride and drink in the glorious California sunshine (?) but the soup finally became too thick and many hours are now spent around the fire in the club rooms.

Captain Fred Bemis has already booked the drill team for numerous shows, the first being the International Rodeo and Horse Show in the Exposition building in Oakland. Also on the program in the near future are the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade and a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bill Ludolph has purchased a handsome new black and white gelding. Bill is very happy with him and the Rangers are proud to have him in the Unit.

Floyd Jacobs is the new owner of the bay and white gelding "Mucho Grande" formerly owned by Si Simons. Floyd has the biggest string of horses in the barn now and he says its also the best.

Heber Brown has purchased a bay and white mare that is also an asset to the Unit.

### At The 'Oakland'

This has been a busy month at the Oakland, with the completion of eight roomy, box stalls and the addition of a group of new horses. Idiot's Delight and O'Malley, the well known hunters, are residing at the Oakland. They are owned by Norma and Dean Burton. Jim and Ruby Welch's fine pinto, Ribbon, is also a new boarder. Flirtatious Lady, a registered Saddlebred filly, by Solomon King, will soon be trained by her owner Bill Brady.

The Oakland is sorry to have Nancy Danielson and Sir John leave to return to Davis, where Nancy resumed her studies at the Agricultural college. Nancy Schwaner's mare Jean, has been sent home to the family's ranch in Napa, The Circle S. The Schwangers are on an extended vacation in Arizona.

Bob Lorimer's third show, which will be an annual affair, will be held on May 29 and 30, the program to be divided into two separate parts. Saturday, May 29 will be an all English show, while Sunday, May

30 will be the Western show. Seating arrangements for the public will be made. Those interested in entering the two-day event may contact the Oakland for entry blanks, available by April 25.

Some of the classes which will require the entrants to practice diligently are the pairs classes, both in the English and Western show and the adult equitation class in the English show. This is a chance for the seniors to show the juniors that they, too, can ride.

Bob Lorimer has acquired the fine thoroughbred hunter, Star of Siam, for his school string.

### At Miss Graham's Stables

Irma and Harrison Davis, who stable their Palomino, Royal, at Miss Graham's stable have just returned from Mexico. They were there during the Christmas holidays and brought back some outstanding dance records. Some of these South American records were recently introduced at a supper party with great success. Harrison may now be seen riding the trails in his authentic Charro costume.

### At The Pinto Ranch

Best wishes and congratulations from all of us to the Pinto Ranch bride and groom, George and Evalee Turner, who were married at Reno on January 7th.

While this very cold weather has made shaggy coats on our horses the order of the day, many of our group may be seen daily grooming their horses and laying the ground work for nice, smooth coats as soon as the thermometer goes up. Colonel Hansen is the most faithful, with Pearl Leibl and Pat Shell running him a close second.

Others who can be found at the ranch, nearly every day are our new members, C. Vallado, Johnnie Ratto, and his bays; the Silvas with their beautiful Palomino gelding and two lovely sorrel horses; Geo. and Bob Douglas and their two roan mares; Don Treppard and his nice well-mannered horse; Bruce Orcutt and his good looking black mare; Ginger and her fine mare Rochee.

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Other features of the show will be an exhibition by a representative equestrienne from the Spanish School of Riding, at Viena, and a snappy drill by Upson Downers. The gymkhana is being sponsored by Upson Downs with other groups participating in various events, road hacks, pot luck pairs, seat and hands over jumps, competitive jumping between Upson Downs team and another picked group, teams of fours, and equitation.

Judge for the afternoon will be Earl Hansen; ring master, Woody Hansen; ribbon clerk, Dar Labarthe; paddock clerks, Barbara Bechtel and Win Johnson; trophies, Barbara Bangs and Pat Gowrie; ring crew, Mr. Labarthe and Lionel Mitchell; programs, Mary Gale and Bob McCarty.

The program promises to be entertaining and varied with fun for all. Come and join the fun Sunday afternoon, March 6 in the Cressmount Umbrella Ring! Every one from the seasoned Upson Downers to the Pegasus Patrollers will be represented on the program.

**Bit and Spur**

The Bit & Spur's performance of the Virginia Reel at the Oakland Show was another example of Miss Cress' fine flair for showmanship and a bit of the unusual in entertainment. Spectators who saw the drill were very impressed with the precision figures and agreed it takes good horsemanship to put horses through the intricate figures of the old-time dance. Ladies of the act, garbed in pinafores, pantalotes and sun bonnets were Cecil Moore, Charlotte Baldwin, Betty Yaw, Eliz Schohr, and Lorraine Harris. "Gentlemen" in gleaming boots and appropriate attire were Mary Lou Hutton, Barbara Black, Zoe Desloges, Robin Nortin and Harriet Harper. The "dance" was done at the trot and canter to the tune of "Buffalo Gals".

**With the Boots and Jeans**

Bud Vogel was named president of the Boots and Jeans Riding group at its first meeting and election of officers, held February 10.

Others named to office include Vi Schumacher, secretary-treasurer, and Paul Brewer, publicity. Lefty Bowers was retained as captain and Dutch Cummings and Virgia McClellan are the first and second lieutenants of the drill team.

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### **With the Leona Riders**

The Leona Riders, who closed the 1948 year with two successful shows and the organization of a polo team, held its election for new officers on February 14. They include Hampton Ford, president; Ronnie Dunnaway, vice president; Elizabeth Frampton, secretary, and Kay Walling, secretary.

The benefit card party, with the proceeds to be used to purchase uniforms for the junior drill team, was held Saturday, February 5.

Sunday, February 13, the group held a breakfast at El Nido Rancho honoring the outgoing president, Don Phelps. Elsie Mesquita presented Mr. Phelps with a hand-tooled belt and silver buckle on behalf of the members. Other outgoing officers were Lee Fowler, vice president; Corrine Smith, secretary, and Margarete Phelps, treasurer.

During the past year, the club made an outstanding contribution to all horsemen. One of the prettiest spots known to all of us is the site of the "Old Wishing Well". The Leona Riders obtained permission to have the spot graded at their expense and erected a barbecue pit. Today this spot is used by various clubs and horsemen.

### **With the Lari-ettes**

Plans are virtually complete for the St. Patrick's day dance to be held at the Round Up tavern, 6415 Redwood Road. Come as you are. There will be Western music.

Gus and Elsie Himmelman were recently presented with a Ronson table lighter from the girls in appreciation of all of their kindness to them.

John and Ashley Corvi entertained members of the group at their lovely new home in Lafayette. Ashley served a buffet dinner, and the girls surprised her with a wrought iron outdoor sign. Naturally it was decorated with horses.

The Lari-ettes took part in the International horse show in Oakland where they were featured in the grand entry and where they had the opportunity to show off their new chartreuse colored shirts.

Geneva Menicucci, outgoing president, was guest of honor at the last monthly meeting and was recipient of an ornate cake, flowers and a gift from the group.

We are pleased to announce that we have two new members, sisters. They are Dorothy and Marianne Pendo who board their horses at the Wildwood.

Pat Rukavina, daughter of Captain Margaret Rukavina, has two new horses. One is a chestnut gelding, Orchard Champ, who came from the Logue stable, and the other, a quarter horse mare from the Bastain ranch, at Redding.

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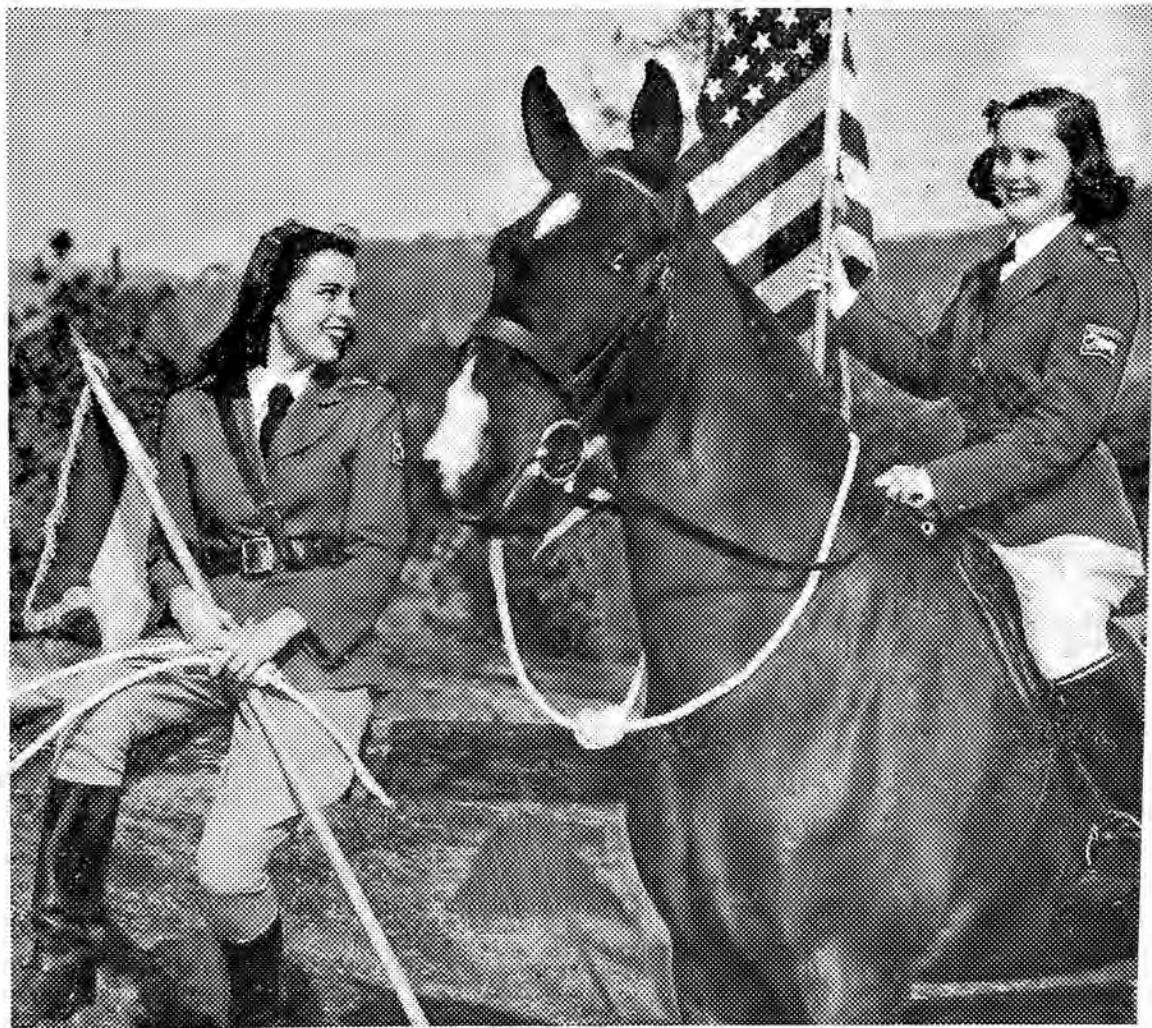
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Shown in the picture are left, Carol DeVilbiss and Sheila Derieg, on Kyack.

The famous scarelt-coated Shongehon drill team, which has been a main event of many East Bay Shows, was also another feature of the show. Riders were Pat Brandes, Vandra and Wilda Rosendahl, Carol De Vilbis, Priscilla Meyer, Peggy Day,

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The Frontier Boys had their first annual indoor rodeo at Diablo on February 16.

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ribbons, of which 12 are firsts, 17 seconds, 17 thirds and 15 fourths, as well as 10 special awards to her credit during the 1948 season. Lynda is the youngest rider ever to complete the Concord-Mt. Diablo trail ride.

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**Trick Rider at Three**

Sandy Black is only three years old, but already does a marvelous job on her Daddy's trick riding horse, Buddy. In these pictures we show Sandy on Loretta Cosca's trick horse, Poppy. Sandy has been riding since she was 17 months old, and has definitely made up her mind she is going to follow in her father's footsteps, which means she will be a trick rider.

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